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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 6 and 19

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Aschenbeck et al. (US 4693357) and Dobbins et al. (US 6929110).

Proposed Amendments

Applicant discussed possible amendments to the claims. Specifically, Applicant proposed amending the claims to recite that the actuator transmits an actuation force from the user onto the coin to press the coin against the channel member to pivotally displace the channel member relative to a support member.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant argued that Aschenbeck, alone or in combination with Dobbins or other cited reference, does not teach or suggest the features recited by the claims, amended as proposed above. Specifically, Aschenbeck discloses two chutes (24 and 26) that can move relative to each other “while the coin mechanism 20 is shaken to alleviate shingling of coins, jamming, etc.” Aschenbeck, col. 8 at lines 55-61. Dobbins discloses an upper cover (601) and an upper slide (602) interconnected with a hinge (612), which “allows oversized coins, foreign objects, or bent coins to be cleared from the coin chute by moving coin clearing tab (650).” Dobbins, col. 10 at lines 40-48.

Results of Interview

Applicant agreed to file a response with amendments distinguishing over the prior art references. The Examiner stated that he would consider these amendments but would perform a subsequent prior art search.